

LOCAL AFFAIRS

—There will be no paper issued from this office next week.

—Mr. R. A. Thomas, of Trade, transacted business in the village yesterday.

—The pension checks for the Confederate veterans arrived yesterday, and the old boys are happy.

—"A heart and a dollar" is all you need to get your name on the books in answer to the big Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Culler, of East Boone died Tuesday night. Interment was made in the town cemetery yesterday afternoon.

—The weather of late is indeed wonderful. Quite a lot of rain, but, as yet, not enough snow to cover the ground, and hardly enough freeze to notice.

—Corporal Ronda Horton, one of the few colored boys from Watauga who have been in Uncle Sam's uniforms, arrived from Camp Lee, Va., a few days ago.

—A letter received from Mr. W. B. Holsclaw, formerly of Watauga, but now of Caldwell county, brings the news of the death of his son in France. The young man had been in the U. S. Army for a little more than four years.

—Mrs. E. W. Cole and children, who have spent the summer here, with husband and father, left last week for Salisbury, where they will spend the holidays in that, their home town. Mr. Cole will join them within the next few days.

—Mr. W. E. Shipley, of Valle Crucis, was a business caller at our office yesterday. He told The Democrat that he returned last week from Chicago, Ill., where he spent seven days attending The International Fat Stock Show in that city. Mr. Shipley being our most extensive dealer and fine stock fancier, he certainly enjoyed to the fullest the great event which, he said, was the biggest show of the kind ever held in the world.

—Mr. Oscar L. Hardin, who, for some time past, has been on the clerical force for a munition plant near Nashville, Tenn., is with his family in Boone, where he will remain until after the holidays, when he will seek other employment, the war stopping having put the plant out of commission. Doubtless Mr. Hardin will have little, if any trouble, in getting a position, as he is a man of fine business qualifications.

—The steam shovel is now cutting through the gap immediately beyond the home of Rev. John Norris, and when this cut is completed, which will be within a day or so, it is the intention of the G. R. C., to turn this shovel back, if the roads are such condition as to move it, and putting it to work in East Boone, it going in the direction of Rutherford, leaving the shovel coming upon the other side of the mountain to cut out the interesting link. The work is progressing very nicely in all departments, and the progressive citizens of the county are much pleased therewith.

—The khaki-clad soldier boys from the various cantonments of the country are arriving in Watauga almost daily, Alanzo C. Payne, of Boone; Reubin Miller, of Sands, a son of Mr. John I. Green, of Meat Camp; a son of Mr. Will Davis, of Meat Camp; a son of Mr. Albert Hodges, of Route 1, Boone, Hardy Lyons and Linney Malba, and possibly others, have been in the village since our last issue, shaking hands with their many friends who are delighted to see them again. They are all looking fine, and, in the main, have enjoyed their stay in the camps, but all seem to regret that they were not called to overseas service.

—The influenza is getting very prevalent in Meat Camp township, whole families being stricken with the disease. The malady was spread as a result of a protracted meeting which was in progress at Meat Camp church some days ago. Another argument against gatherings of any kind, religious or otherwise, while this fell disease is abroad in the land.

—The shanty cars are now stationed by the main line of the railroad near the boys' dormitory, and the road crew is here to complete the "Y" side tracks, switches, etc., near the depot site, the Co., we are told, intending to put passenger service on the road from Boone to Johnson City by Jan. 1. It now seems doubtful whether or not the depot will be built before spring as there is much cement to be used in the foundation, and it takes mild weather for that kind of work.

—There will be Sunday School and preaching services at Boone Baptist church on Sunday, December 22, 1918. There is no flu in town, or near, as we know, and, therefore, there is no reason for not having services, except a desire to come. I am holding services regularly at both my other churches and there has not been a single case of flu. The reason that people often do not go to church unless they feel good and never unless they feel bad.—A. W. Cross.

—Deputy Sheriff Green is now engaged in thoroughly painting the rooms, cells, etc., of the county jail, and Mr. Don Farthing has just finished wiring the building for electric lights; the water pipes are to be taken up and put in good condition, and other improvement made just as soon as possible. The old jail has long been a disgrace to the county, and it is good to know that conditions at last are such that the county commissioners have decided to have the much needed repair work done.

—Owing to the delay of blank paper—a good supply in the depot in Lenoir, which we have been unable to get across the mountain, and nearly enough for an issue post-paid in the post office in that town, since last Friday; it rained, you know—this paper comes out late. The mail service between here and Lenoir is something abominable, the contractor, as we understand it, being allowed to say what he will or will not bring. He is bonded to the government to transfer the mails from Lenoir to Boone, and the post master there should see to it that he does it as it accumulates. If one machine or one team cannot bring it, put on two; that's the idea. The bundle referred to was sent up the mountain Monday, but the carrier saw fit to dump it off at the post office at Blowing Rock, and bring a passenger to town. The sooner the government looks into matters of this kind, the better it will please The Democrat, at least. It seems that mail, on which full postage has been paid should have the right of way over the traveling public.

Financial Report of the Three Forks Co-operative Cheese Factory.

Following is a statement of the building and first season's business of the Three Forks Co-operative Cheese Factory:	
Cost of building, painting and equipping, incorporating and insuring	\$1800.00
Opened May 27, closed Oct. 31.	
Milk received, gallons, 13310	
Cheese made, pounds, 12002	
Average price rec'd for cheese, 28¢	
Average monthly price pd., milk, 21¢	
Gross Receipts,	\$3416.00
Paid for milk	2712.89
8 per cent dividend paid on capital stock	144.00
Invested in W. S. S.	84.30
Given to War Relief Fund	25.00
Running Expenses	308.58
Cash on hand	56.53
Stockholders	62

H. NEAL BLAIR, Sec. Treas.

—Join the Red Cross—

"I have been taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for constipation and find it a splendid remedy. I recommend it to my friends and will never be without it in my home."
(From a letter to Dr. Caldwell written by Mrs. James Dills, Schenly, Pa.)

A combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, free from opiates and narcotic drugs, pleasant to the taste, and gentle, yet positive, in its action, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the recognized remedy for constipation in countless homes.

DR. CALDWELL'S Syrup Pepsin

The Perfect Laxative

Sold by Druggists Everywhere
50 cts. (Per Bottle) \$1.00

A TRIAL BOTTLE CAN BE OBTAINED, FREE OF CHARGE, BY WRITING TO DR. W. R. CALDWELL, 459 WASHINGTON STREET, MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS

Influenza and kindred diseases start with a cold.

Don't trifle with it. At the first shiver or sneeze, take



Standard cold remedy for 30 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—keeps up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days—back if it fails. The genuine has a Red Top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of G. L. Hartley, deceased, late of the county of Watauga, State of N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them before the undersigned on or before the 29th day of Nov., 1919, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This Nov. 27, 1918.

W. B. HARTLEY, Adm.

Important Notice to Tax-payers.

I will be in Boone on Friday and Saturday December 20 and 21 to make out a list to hand the printer for the purpose of advertising the property of those whose taxes are not paid by that time. If you will meet me there and pay your taxes at that time you will save costs. The law requires that I make immediate settlement, and I cannot wait longer.

W. P. MOODY, Ex-Sheriff.

Land and Lots For Sale in Boone.

Six lots for sale fronting on court house square. 100 acres of land very near town. Also one corner lot near Bank and court house.

E. F. LOVILL.

PUBLIC SALE.

On the 28rd day of December, weather permitting, I will offer for sale a portion of my household and kitchen furniture to the highest bidder, with some feed, two stacks of rye unthreshed, and some good stock. All amounts under five dollars cash down; all above that amount on three months time with note and approved security, notes bearing interest from day of sale at the rate of 6 per cent.

MATTIE J. GREEN.
Boone, N. C., Nov. 18. 1r.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Tom Thomas deceased late of Watauga county North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Trade, R. F. D. Tenn., on or before the 19th day of December 1919 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 19th day of December 1918

R. A. THOMAS, Adm'r.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

Just as Scores of Boone People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect kidney backache Urinary troubles often follow. Act in time by curing the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for weakened kidneys. Many people in this locality recommend them. Here's one case:

J. N. Ashkettle, North Wilkesboro, N. C. says: "I had kidney trouble from childhood and five years ago I was helpless with lumbago. My back was always the weakest spot and when those awful attacks of pain came on, I was practically helpless. I had a frequent desire to pass the kidney secretions, but the flow was retarded and the pain was awful. Nights I couldn't rest well and I had to get up every little while to pass the secretions. Mornings I was so stiff and lame I could hardly dress myself. Doan's Kidney Pills regulated the action of my kidneys and relieved the lameness in my back and I continued taking them until I was completely cured."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same Mr. Ashkettle has publicly recommended. Foster-Millburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.

NOTICE

The Influenza at Shulls Mills is now over, but evidently all of the old employees of the Boone Fork Lumber Company do not know it. We hope each and every one of them will return to work immediately and get their own places.

We are paying top prices for all parts of the operation. We would also be glad to have all the new men we can get. We are not only paying high wages, but we have just made a new rule, by which a man can get his money any time he wants to go home. Therefore, if you can come for a week or two weeks or a month, come ahead and when you want to go home you can get your money.

BOONE FORK LUMBER CO.
T. W. HAMPTON, Supt.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty five years and has become known as the most reliable remedy for catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials free F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

NOTICE.

Any and all persons are hereby forbidden to employ or harbor my two boys, Fred 15 years old and Parker, 13 years old. Any one giving them employment may expect to account to me for same. I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by them. Foscoe, N. C., Dec. 12.

CHARLEY COFFEY.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga Co. I, W. R. GRAGG, Clerk to Board of County Commissioners, certify that the foregoing is a statement of the number of days attended and number of miles traveled by each member of the Board of County Commissioners of said county, from December 1, 1917 to Nov. 30, 1918, both dates inclusive, viz:

L. A. GREENE.	
14 days @ \$8 per day	\$42.00
144 miles at 5c. per mile	7.20
Total.....	\$49.20
J. L. GLENN.	
16 days at \$3 per day	48.00
386 miles at 5c per mile	19.30
Total.....	\$67.30
L. S. BOLLINGER.	
16 days at \$3 per day	48.00
280 miles at 5c a mile	14.00
Total.....	\$62.00

Given under my hand this the 30th day of November 1918.

W. R. GRAGG,
Register of Deeds and Clerk to Bd of county commissioners.

BURLESON DRUG CO.

NEWLAND, N. C.
Drugs & Druggists Sundries
A complete line of toilet articles. Mail orders given prompt attention. GIVE US A TRIAL.

The Watauga County Bank

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.
N. I. MAST, Pres.
G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash.
W. C. COFFEY, Vice Pres
W. D. FARTHING, Asst. Cash.

The demand for food stuffs of all kinds will be greater during the year 1919 than ever in the history of the world. We especially desire to co-operate with the farmers of Watauga County in increasing their farm production and improving their live stock.

OUR MOTTO: "SAFETY AND SERVICE."
Total Resources Over \$400,000.00
Capital and Surplus Over \$50,000.00.

Cold Weather Goods

The rigors of winter will soon be upon us, and it is the duty of every one to prepare for it the best they can. Where will I buy my supplies, is the question now rife among our people. I am prepared to supply your every want in cold weather goods

Men's Clothing

I have possibly the best stock of men's clothing in the county from which to select, and much of it being bought before the advance, I have some genuine bargains. Buy your warm underwear from me, your furnishings of all kinds, and shoes—the kind I have always handled—the best. Bring your boys and fit them up to your liking. I have the goods, you need them; you have the cash and I can handle it.

For the Ladies

My stock of dress goods is very handsome, and consists of some of the best fabrics to be found in a country store. Toilet articles of all kinds in abundance. Come to me for your supplies. Always in stock heavy and shelf hardware, grass seed, feeds, etc.

M. B. BLACKBURN

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

L. D. LOWE, President.
M. B. PERRY, Vice-President
L. M. FARTHING, Cashier.

The Valle Crucis Bank.

We solicit the accounts of all persons in this new Bank, and we will do our best to accommodate the people and render the greatest service consistent with sound banking.